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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-71
Rockville, MD 20857

RE: Please ban the use of antibiotics as livestock growth promoters

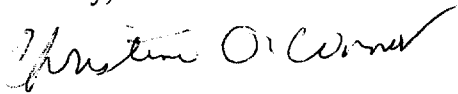
Dear Dr. Henney:

As you know, there is an ongoing increase in the use of antibiotics to fatten hogs and poultry. Using antibiotics as a feed additive is making disease-causing bacteria more resistant to the drugs that humans rely upon to treat major diseases, such as TB and pneumonia.

The World Health Organization called for a ban on using antibiotics to fatten livestock in 1997. Since then, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health Association and other public health organizations have taken similar positions. The European Union heeded these concerns last year when it banned adding human-use antibiotics to animal feed.

Please lead the FDA to also ban antibiotics as feed additives.

Sincerely,

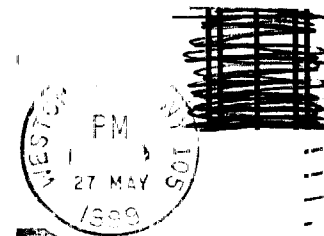


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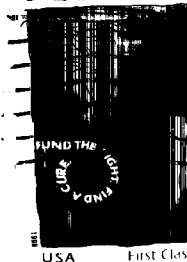
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